

September 21, 2003

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

To be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ is not an ideal of realizing some kind of similarity with Christ which we are asked to attain. It is not we who change ourselves into the image of God. Rather, it is the very image of God, the form of Christ which seeks to take shape within us (Gal. 4:19). It is Christ's own form which seeks to manifest itself in us. Christ does not cease working in us until he has changed us into Christ's own image. Our goal is to be shaped into the entire form of the incarnate, the crucified, and the risen one. Christ has taken on this human form. He became a human being like us. In his humanity and lowliness we recognize our own form. He became like human beings, so that we would be like him.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate
in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church.*

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$5.50 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m. and at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$5.00 until 2:00 p.m.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs.

This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, October 5 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, October 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, October 18, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults and New Members, at 981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Cares

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Carol Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 640.5398 (callen@fourthchurch.org).

The Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, a ministry of Fourth Church, offers support groups as well as individual, couples', and premarital counseling. Information about the Center is available in the literature racks or by calling 312.787.8425.

Births, adoptions, and baptisms: To notify the church of births and adoptions or for information about baptisms, contact Jill Stephens in the Children and Family Ministry office at 640.2578 (jstephens@fourthchurch.org).

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MORNING WORSHIP

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

PRELUDE (8:00) I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ *Johann Sebastian Bach*

PRELUDE (9:30 and 11:00) Processional Fanfare *Elgar Howarth*
We Now Pray to Thee *Dieterich Buxtehude*
Pavane *Gabriel Fauré*
arr. Aaron David Miller
I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Canzon Francese *Giovanni Cavaccio*
arr. Erich Peterson

INTROIT "The Lord Is High Above All Nations" *Donald Cashmore*
The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heav'ns.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION (The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 356 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *Tune: NETTLETON*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

We come to you, O God, confessing to you the fears that twist our lives and keep us from the inner calm and peace that come from you: the fear of ourselves, that we cannot do what is expected of us; the fear of being found out for our littleness and pride in ourselves; the fear of being left out when joy and richness come to others; the fear of not being ready when opportunities present themselves for service; the fear of death, that when it comes our time to die, we shall not have done the things we would have done, because we were afraid to venture out. We find ourselves shrinking back before the unknown, wanting assurance where we must have faith. We find ourselves hesitating to follow Christ, afraid the cost may be too great and life may pass us by. Give us strength and peace that only you can give. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE "Amen"

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO (8:00)

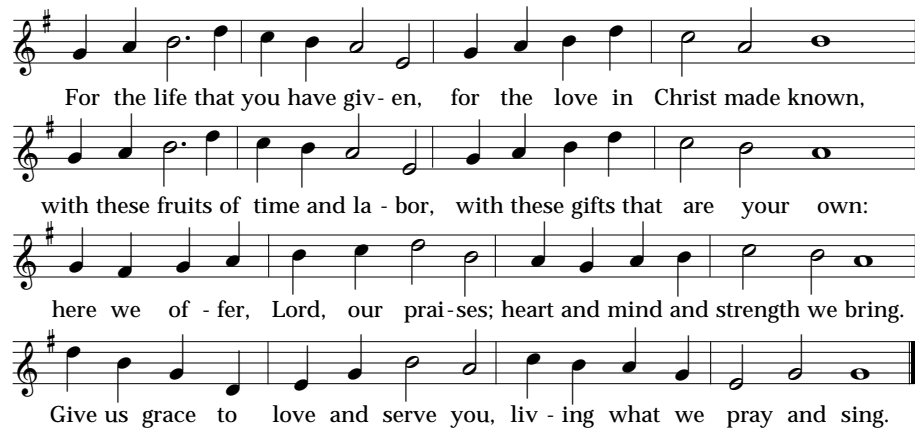
"En Prière" (In Prayer) *Gabriel Fauré*
If the voice of a child can reach you, O my Father, listen to the
prayer of Jesus on his knees before you. If you have chosen me to
teach your laws on the earth, I will know how to serve you, holy
King of kings, O Light! Place on my lips, O Lord, the salutary
truth, so that whoever doubts, should with humility revere you!
Do not abandon me, give me the gentleness so necessary to
relieve the suffering, to alleviate pains and all misery. Reveal
yourself to me, Lord, in whom I have faith and hope. I want to
suffer with you and to die on the cross at Calvary.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Erschallet, ihr Lieder"

J.S. Bach

(9:30 and 11:00)

Sing praises, ye faithful, your voices attune ye! This season so
joyous! The Lord in our souls now a temple desireth.



For the life that you have giv-en, for the love in Christ made known,
 with these fruits of time and la-bor, with these gifts that are your own:
 here we of-fer, Lord, our prai-ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
 Give us grace to love and serve you, liv-ing what we pray and sing.

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*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All: O God, through the offering of these gifts may we become
 a more open people: open-minded in hearing your Word
 and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world,
 open-handed in heeding your call for charity
 and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts,
 we present a portion of our substance and the whole
 of ourselves. Amen.

*HYMN 357

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Tune: MARYTON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Tocatta in Seven

John Rutter

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:00)

Canzona Per Sonare, No. 18

*Floriano Canali
arr. Robert King*

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2003

Sunday, September 21 has been designated as a time for Presbyterian congregations to lift up the importance of theological education in the life of churches. Today we recognize members preparing for the practice of professional ministry who are under care of the Fourth Presbyterian Church Session.

Carol Carpenter , Graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary
Jacqueline Cho, Graduate of the University of Chicago
Joshua D. Heikkila , University of Chicago
Judith G. Landt , Graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary
David Lewis, Graduate of Garrett Evangelical Seminary
Linda McCarty , University of Chicago
Elizabeth Atkins Nickerson , McCormick Theological Seminary
Teri C. Peterson , Columbia Theological Seminary
Maggie Shreve , Graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary
John W. Vest, Graduate of the University of Chicago

We also recognize the following seminaries supported by Fourth Church.

Auburn Theological Seminary
Columbia Theological Seminary
Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Matanzas Evangelical Theological Seminary (Cuba)
McCormick Theological Seminary
Union Theological Seminary of New York

Fourth Church also contributes to the Fund for Theological Education, Inc., and to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Theological Education Fund (1% Plan). The Fund for Theological Education, based in Atlanta, supports young men and women of all denominations who are pursuing a career in theology. The PCUSA Theological Education Fund supports theological education of future Presbyterian pastors, teachers, and lay leaders.

Please continue to keep in your prayers those pursuing theological education and those institutions and organizations making that education possible.

Worship Leaders

- 8:00 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Keith C. Harris, Associate Pastor for Youth and Campus Ministry
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 9:30 a.m. Carol J. Allen, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor
- 11:00 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Associate Pastor for Young Adults
and New Members
John M. Buchanan, Pastor
Joanna M. Adams, Pastor

The Music Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir; Callie Thompson, soprano soloist
- 9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass
- 11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by students Linda McCarty (8:00, 9:30) and Elizabeth Nickerson (11:00) on behalf of those preparing for the practice of professional ministry.

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, returns to worship this morning. Directed by Matthew Comerford, the Tower Brass assists in 9:30 and 11:00 worship each third Sunday of the month from September through May.

There will be a special Vespers service tonight. The 2003 confirmation class has planned and will lead this service, which will also feature the music of the Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble.

Fourth Church is receiving an offering throughout September to support the programs of Partners in Education. Special offering envelopes are available in the pew racks.

Other Worship and Prayer Opportunities at Fourth Church

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can leave their prayer requests written on paper in the box outside the chapel or they can pray together with the Deacon who is in Stone Chapel after 11:00 worship.

Morning prayer is held each weekday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Blair Chapel.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is this Friday, September 26.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Today's sermon will be available online at www.fourthchurch.org by this Friday.

Recent sermons are also available in the literature racks.

For a preview of next Sunday's worship, subscribe to the weekly e-mail newsletter News@FourthChurch by sending e-mail addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.